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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hideki MORIGUCHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8002

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For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH

DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

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Sir:

The above referenced application was filed on July 25, 2006, as evidenced by the return receipt postcard. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no response has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. To date, the undersigned has not received an Official Filing Receipt regarding this application.

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be furnished with an Official Filing Receipt as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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